A land bank is a public authority or nonprofit created to efficiently acquire, hold, manage and develop foreclosed property, as well as other vacant and abandoned properties.
PRIME FOR A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
Taken together, there are over 1,600 vacant properties in Lower North Central considered to be more susceptible to a change in ownership (from public or negligent private owner to community ownership) because of their ownership (by public agency) or tax status (delinquent). These parcels, which encompass a surprising 93% of the neighborhood's vacancy, represent the greatest opportunity for community-driven change in the neighborhood.

93% OF VACANT PARCELS ARE PUBLICLY-OWNED OR TAX-DELIQUENT!

PERCENTAGE OF VACANT PROPERTIES THAT ARE PUBLICLY-OWNED OR TAX-DELIQUENT

TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY
PUBLICLY-OWNED PROPERTY
VACANT BUILDINGS
VACANT LAND
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Urban Garden Initiative

Breathing Life Into Dead Space

December 4, 2013
Public Participation Taskforce
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Timeline 2009-2013

- The Challenge 2009
  - Clean & Green Vacant Land
  - Access the Green Economy
  - Create New Jobs
  - Promote Environmental Justice Issues

- Accomplishments 2013
  - Urban Garden Initiative
  - Workforce development program on healthy food preparation & youth entrepreneurship
  - “Green Divide” Coalition
  - Healthier more informed community
Collaborative Activities to Create Community

2009 Annual Meeting economist Judy Claude discusses new economic realities post recession 9/09

Research Papers

Forums
Typical City Vacant Lot

Farmers Market 11/09

Place holding: Creative Reuse of Space

Farmers Market 11/09
Neighbors helping Neighbors

Philly Spring Clean Up 4/10

Clean Up Volunteers 4/10

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2229 Ready for Garden Build
PHS Garden Build Volunteers 5/10

3 Raised Beds Completed 5/10

3 Raised Beds Planted 5/10

Plant Growth 5/10
Harambee Event 6/10

Garden Party 8/10

Conviviality stimulates diversity
Cooking Class - Training

Healthy Food – Nutrition
Winter Lettuce

Spring planters

Asset with Potential

Greened Asset
Key Accomplishments

- Received training and a garden build from the PA Horticultural Society
- Obtained design and construction services and technical assistance from Urban Studio
- Joined with other gardeners to support the Garden Justice Legal Initiative advocacy to preserve green space across the region and received support from the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia to preserve space
- Joined Health Food Green Space Coalition
- Benefited from academic research completed by PhD candidate Leticia Garcia (“The Social Construction of Urban Garden Space as a Site for Anti-Racist Struggle” based on feminist research conducted with the African American United Fund)
- Continue to provide services due to grants from the Alston Beech Foundation and other mini grant funders
- Create vibrancy in our community by joining with our student neighbors from Temple University, Freedom Schools, area nonprofits and long term residents to perform community clean ups.
- Founder, Philadelphia Home Grown Music Festival planning committee
QUESTIONS?

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